Inconveniencies this preent Generall Assembly most humbly Lib. R. U. desire may be provided against

And foreasmuch as the quantity of Tobacco now usually Exported or which may be Exported in an hhd of the Gage by this Act Settled Exceeds the Quantity which was Comonly reputed to be the Contents of an hhd att the time when the aforesaid Imposition of two Shillings p hhd was Settled and also that altho the number of hhds annually Exported are Increased Since that time yet for that the value of his Lord-

ship's Rents are much more Increased

Be It therefore Ordained and Enacted by the Right Honble Charles Lord Baron of Baltemore absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower house of this Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same That from the Twenty ninth day of September Last there shall be raised Levyed and Collected for Every hhd of Tobacco that shall be Shipped in any Ship or Vessell to be Exported out of this Province or any the Territories Islands Ports Rivers Creeks or Places thereunto belonging the Sume of two Shillings and nine pence Sterl and for every hundred weight five pence halfe penny and soe pro rato for a greater or lesser quantity in recompence and full Satisfaction to his Lordship my Lord Propriary for accepting his alienation ffines and quitt rents (reserved in money) in Tobacco att two pence p pound and the better to Enable him to Support the Government of this Province

And Be It further ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid the said duty and imposition shall be from time to time paid and Satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or vessell respectively in which any such Tobacco shall be Exported upon his or their clearing or takeing his or their dispatch or dispatches for every such respective Ship or Vessell and before the Departure of such Ship or Vessell and the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessell Comeing into this Province shall att their first arrivall here before their Lading on board any goods or Comodities of the growth production or Manufacture of this Province give good and Sufficient Security to the Lord Proprietary his Governor for p. 140 the time being or to such other officer or officers as he the said Lord Proprietary shall thereunto appoint for the payment of the Duty or Imposition accordingly

And Be It further Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it shall and may be Lawfull for my Lord Proprietary to nominate and appoint such officer or officers for the Collection thereof as to his Lordship shall Seeme meet

This Act to Continue till day of which shall the be in the year Seventeene hundred and Twenty.